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A representation of several generations of Pomphreys flank Mayor John E. Ekdahl
at the dedication of Pomphrey pond

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POMPHREY POND

A Family's Vibrant, Living History



Jackson and Luke Gallagher, great-great-great grandsons of E. A. Pumphrey, Jr. on the bank of Pumphrey Pond
Photo courtesy of Matt Gallagher

On June 11th, the planning and hard work of many months and the combined efforts of numerous people culminated in a dedication ceremony for the tranquil pond across the street from Borough Hall on East River Road, bestowing on it officially the name it has gone by for decades – Pumphrey Pond. In recent years, time and weather had taken a toll on the pond, in need of dredging and refurbishing. In 2010 the Borough undertook this project, and the spring of this year saw the pond restored to its sparkling best.

The ceremony directed the spotlight on a family with roots deep in Rumson soil, the Pumphreys. Back at the turn of the 20th century, the little pond on River Road didn't have a name. That came later, some time after 1906 when Edwin Austin Francis Pumphrey, Jr. and his wife purchased a home next door to the pond at 49 East River Road, where they raised their ten children. When Edwin Austin Francis died in 1935, his son Edwin Henry Pumphrey bought the home, where he and *his* wife would live and raise their brood of seven. Edwin Henry passed away in 1966 and as had become a tradition, his daughter Edna (Pumphrey) Ruscio and her husband Joe took up residence and raised their two daughters there. Edna still lives in the red house today, a living link to all that history. So it's not surprising that somewhere along the line, "the pond" metamorphasized into "Pumphrey Pond", a name well-earned.

Many of those who grew up in Rumson have memories intertwined with the pond. Until more recent years there was much less "organized" recreation and kids made good use of their imaginations and conjured up their own fun. A pond helped immensely! Many generations of children learned to ice skate on it, and the Pumphrey family were always at the ready to ensure a good time was had by all. Lights were put in the trees

and on the utility pole so there could be skating after dark, and Edna recalls putting her radio in the upstairs window to provide skating music. There was often a bonfire on the bank to warm frozen hands and feet and toast a marshmallow or two. Lazy summer days were spent on the banks, fishing for sunnies, tormenting the snapping turtles with sticks, and feeding the ducks. And there always seemed to be a canoe available. Those were peaceful, happy times. As the fortunate owners of a goat, pony and cart, Pumphrey's was the natural place to congregate when the idea of a carnival came up!

In Sarah Pumphrey's eloquent speech delivered at the dedication, she said "I get sentimental when I think of walking through the home where my children's great-great grandparents lived, knowing they are part of something so unique and special. It's quite moving to know that the streets I travel daily are the very same ones over which E. A. Pumphrey traveled with his horse and wagon, delivering hay and grain to the local estates." Perhaps, knowing this sweet slice of Rumson's history you will see Pumphrey Pond, with its newly-erected sign, through different eyes.

Many thanks to the following people and organizations, without whom this project could not have been completed: Cindy Randazzo of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Vicki Thompson of the Monmouth County Mosquito Extermination Commission, excavator Tim Kennedy and mason Mark Osmulski, both Rumson residents, Mark Wellner and the entire DPW team, and all the patient residents around the pond, especially Scott and Lauren Zoeller, easement yard homeowners.

*A very special thanks to Sarah Pumphrey,
who contributed all of the Pumphrey history to this
story!*





We're Gearing Up for Fall at the OCEANIC FREE LIBRARY

What a wonderful summer we're having! OFL has hosted activities for all ages, ranging from a delightful and well-attended visit from "The Butterfly Man" to fascinating talks given by Kevin Woyce about the Jersey Shore and the Statue of Liberty. Our summer reading club for kids continues its winning streak, and will finish with a flourish with an End-of-Summer party on August 23.

In September the library will host a "KidzArt" program open to children in grades K-2. The program will be taught by Tresse DeLorenzo, a Navesink artist who has generously agreed to donate 20% of the program fees to the OFL. KidzArt will begin on Thursday, September 22 from 4:00-5:00 PM run for 6 consecutive Thursdays. The cost per student of \$14 includes all materials needed. Class size is limited to 15 kids, so be sure to register early! To sign up, call 732-872-2357.



Habla usted espanol? A local mom has offered to run an hour-long supplemental Spanish language program at the library every other week starting in September. It will be offered to children grades 4-8 and will follow the Forrestdale curriculum. Also new this fall will be our first young adult book club, open to children in grades 6 and 7. The Gibbons twins, RFH seniors, will select the books and lead the discussions. They plan to begin in late September. Our adult book club, overseen by Cynthia Dannen, will also continue its lively discussions in the fall. We will also be offering computer classes again.

Where have your travels taken you? Would you like to share your photos and experiences with your fellow residents here at OFL? Come and be

part of our "Armchair Traveler" series! Speak with library Director Nanette Reis about scheduling a date.

Our beautiful artwork displays change monthly so stop in often and don't miss a thing. All art is for sale, and is provided by local artists, with 20% of all sales donated to the library. In September we will showcase the watercolors of Jim Sanford and creative jewelry by Lisa Troy Design. Lena Pfeffer takes over the jewel case in October and Nancy Braun exhibits her watercolors. Oil paintings by Kaisa Lenz and unique jewelry by Mychelle Kendrick will delight you in November.

Also in November we will be hosting OFL's first Holiday Boutique on Thursday, November 17 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. The Boutique will feature the work of many local artists and craftspeople. Get a jump start on your holiday shopping and support your library by stopping in for this very special occasion. Many thanks to Theresa Caracappa for organizing this festive fundraiser, and for overseeing all our visiting artists. You are invaluable to the OFL.

Our hard-working director Nanette Reis thanks all our generous patrons for their donations of new or gently-used books and CDs. Donations of audio books are also much appreciated – they're very popular and very expensive!

We are compiling a database of email addresses for all our patrons. Do we have yours? Please let us know - We don't want you to miss any of the happenings here at the library.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

LIBRARY HOURS

10 AM to 7 PM	Mondays & Thursdays
10 AM to 5 PM	Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
9 AM to 12 PM	Saturdays (Summer)
10 AM to 4 PM	Saturdays (all other)

AUTUMN CLOSING DATES

Labor Day	September 5
Veterans Day	November 11
Thanksgiving Day	November 24
Friday after Thanksgiving	November 25

KNITTING EVERY FRIDAY AT 2 PM
BEGINNERS to EXPERTS WELCOME!

RUMSON RECREATION FALL SIGNUPS



Recreation soccer and flag football registration continues at the Rumson Borough Hall Mondays-Fridays from 8:30 am-4:30 pm. **Soccer-**Children must be in grades K-8 in September 2011. **Flag Football-**ages 5-8 (must be 5 years old by August 1). The clinics will be held at the Fair Haven Youth Center Field 6-8 PM on August 16, 18, 23 & 25.

Rumson Crew will begin the fall rowing season in September. This program is for high school students who live in Rumson and Fair Haven. Registration forms may be completed at the Rumson Borough Hall or downloaded from the Rumson website at www.rumsonrec.org. Coaches will call or email the details regarding the practice session dates and times.

Recreation basketball registration will begin at the end of September. Additional forms may be obtained at the Rumson Borough Hall or the Rumson Borough website at www.rumsonrec.org.

This program is for children who are in grades 1-8 during the 2011-12 school year. Children in grades 1 & 2 will participate in Saturday morning clinics. Children in grades 3-8 will participate in an in-town league. Start times for the clinic will be listed on the registration form **(please mark your calendar-you will not be called.)** Coaches will call the children in grades 3-8 with team assignments and start times for the league practices and games.

Questions regarding any recreation programs may be sent to Recreation Director John Hird at jhird@rumsonnj.gov or call 732-842-3300.

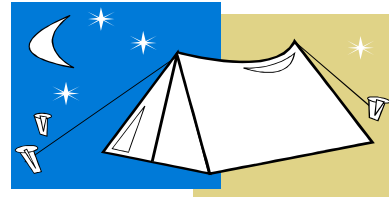
ROCK OUT WITH MUSIC FOR AARDVARKS!



Rumson Recreation is pleased to announce the return of Music for Aardvarks and Other Mammals, a 45-minute children's music program for ages 6 months to 5 years. Classes are held on Tuesdays at 9:30 and 10:30 AM, beginning

September 20. Classes are held at Bingham Hall (40 Bingham Ave.) and run for 10 weeks. Kids rock out at each class with drums and sticks, bells, shakers, and there is always a guitar and live music! All songs used in class are from Nickelodeon's Jack's Big Music Show. Classes are \$190.00, which includes the price of the CD. You must PRE-REGISTER in order to hold your spot for the fall. You can take a demo class, but must call ahead to reserve your spot. New families will receive a \$20 first-time discount. Call Miss Melissa at 732-693-1147 to sign up, or check out Aardvarks on line at www.MissMelissaAardvarks.com!

BOY SCOUT TROOP 201 -



ADVENTURES & LIFE LESSONS

This spring our scouts enjoyed a whitewater rafting trip, the Boy Scout Jamboree in Sea Girt and a tour of Earle Naval Base. They also participated in Rumson's annual Memorial Day parade.

On June 8 we held our annual flag disposal ceremony and last Court of Honor at Victory Park. Scouts were presented with merit badges, and several scouts advanced in rank.

This summer our troop will make two trips to Camp NoBeBoSco, easily one of the most popular and best-loved Boy Scout camps in the state. Half our scouts will attend the first week in July and the other half the last.

After months of preparation, about a dozen of our older scouts and accompanying adult leaders will travel to Sea Base on July 28th and take to the high seas on a 100' schooner. Departing from Key West, Florida, the ship will set sail for a seven-day open ocean adventure. This trip is sure to be one our scouts won't forget!

Finally, Troop 201 would like to say a special "thank you" to Miriam Tort, who is retiring from her position as our Troop Coordinator/Chairperson. We very much appreciate Mrs. Tort's dedication and commitment to Troop 201 and wish her well.

Our troop welcomes newcomers. Meetings are held on Wednesdays from 7:30-9:30 PM at Forrestdale School during the school year. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, September 7. Join us!

RUMSON FIRST AID SQUAD

Volunteers At Your Service 24/7/365

The Rumson First Aid Squad is an all-volunteer organization, staffed by your friends and neighbors. The Squad provides basic pre-hospital emergency care and transport services, twenty-four hours per day and 365 days per year. On average, the First Aid Squad responds to approximately 425 calls for service each year. Additionally, you might notice the Squad's presence for stand-by coverage at local events, such as the annual fireworks display, local athletic races and games, parades, and other community events. All of our services are always free of charge.

On June 12, the Rumson First Aid Squad helped to sponsor the second annual Kelleher Kids' Triathlon, along with the Sandy Hookers Triathlon Organization. This annual event is celebrated in honor of our former Captain, Bob Kelleher, who was an avid athlete and triathlon enthusiast. Over 200 kids participated in the races, and everyone had an incredible time! A special thanks to the many volunteers who assisted in managing the event, including our Squad members, the Fair Haven First Aid Squad, the RFH Key Club, and the RFH girls' swim team.

Immediately following the Kelleher Kids' Triathlon, we held a special memorial ceremony and reception at our building in honor of Bob. We also celebrated the arrival of our brand new ambulance—a 2010, Ford E-450 diesel, Type III, fully-stocked and operational emergency vehicle that will replace one of our other ambulances, which was manufactured in 1998. At the ceremony, we dedicated the new ambulance to Bob Kelleher in a special ribbon-cutting and champagne-style wet-down, with the assistance of Bob's son, Patrick, and the Rumson Fire Department. Whenever you see our new ambulance driving around town, you'll notice the special dedication insignia on the back, marking our tremendous appreciation and respect for Bob and his unwavering commitment to the community.



Patrick Kelleher, son of the late Robert Kelleher, former Captain of the RFAS, christens the squad's new ambulance dedicated to his Dad

Recently, the First Aid Squad acquired two brand-new, heavy-duty, battery-powered stretchers to replace our older-style, manual stretchers. The hydraulic system in our new stretchers enables squad members to raise and lower patients with the simple touch of a button. We are very excited about these stretchers, and so far, our patients have been thrilled with them as well. They drastically improve the quality of patient care, while simultaneously benefiting squad members.

We would like to congratulate two of our cadet members, Andrew Giannotto and Jessica Nixon, who were recently selected as the 2011 recipients of the Robert Kelleher Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is co-funded by the Rumson PBA and Rumson First Aid Squad, and it is awarded to one or more graduating senior(s) who exhibit a strong spirit of volunteerism and dedication to community service, in memory of Bob Kelleher. Jessica and Andrew were honored at the RFH Senior Awards Ceremony and were presented with their awards by Sgt. Ronald Vilardi and Max Ross of the Rumson PBA and Rumson First Aid Squad, respectively. Andrew and Jessica have been volunteering as cadets with our squad since 2010, and since then, they have participated collectively on roughly 150 emergency calls. This year, Andrew will be heading to Ann Arbor, MI, to begin his studies at the University of Michigan. Jessica will be spending the year in London, as part of a study-abroad opportunity of the Northeastern University Honors Program. We wish both of these students the very best of luck.

The Rumson First Aid Squad has been providing emergency medical services and care at no cost to the patient, twenty-four hours per day and seven days per week, for over 60 years. We are very appreciative of your generosity and donations to support our services. We will be mailing our annual fund drive letter to Rumson residents this fall, and you can make donations directly through the mailing or by going online to our website, www.rumsonems.org. All donations made to the First Aid Squad are used for the procurement of medical supplies and equipment for our ambulances, as well as for the training of our all-volunteer staff of Emergency Medical Technicians and First Responders.



EMS NEEDS YOU!

We are constantly looking for new members to respond to emergency calls, as well as other citizens who would be willing to lend their talents in aid of the Squad's administration. If you are over the age of 16 and are interested in joining us, please visit us at www.rumsonems.org, email us at info@rumsonems.org, or speak with any of our members!

RUMSON GARDEN CLUB

AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP



On June 13th, the Rumson Garden Club (RGC) awarded its annual scholarship in memory of Rita Morgan Boyle, a past president and dedicated member of the club and a long-time Rumson resident. The recipient was Eve Critton, a 2011 graduate of RFH who plans to pursue ecology studies at Occidental College. The \$2500 scholarship presented by Robin Colman, RGC President, and Bob Boyle Jr., Mrs. Boyle's son, reflects the RGC's continuing commitment to conservation and ecology. Ms. Critton, who was president of RFH's Environmental Club during her senior year, demonstrated a strong interest in saving the environment from promoting recycling, participating in beach sweeps and raising environmental awareness.

Every year, the RGC presents the scholarship to a Rumson resident who plans to attend or is attending an accredited college and who has a demonstrated interest in any area of horticulture, landscape design, or environmental studies, i.e., conservation, marine sciences, earth science. The applicant is required to write an essay outlining his or her interests and accomplishments, which may include academic studies or extracurricular activities. Robin Colman remarked, "Eve Critton embodies a commitment to improving the future of this planet. We are thrilled to award her this scholarship, particularly as it is in memory of Rita Boyle, an avid gardener and energetic member and leader of our club. While we miss Rita, this scholarship continues her legacy."

A REMINDER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS



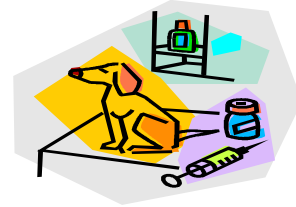
Be sure to have your trash out for pickup
by 7:30 AM on your designated collection
days to ensure pickup!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR FREE RABIES SHOT CLINIC

November 3, 2011

7 – 8 PM

Rumson Public Works Garage



It's that time again! To license your dog for 2012 they will have to have a rabies vaccination that is valid *through October 31, 2012*. This is a state law. So if your pooch is due for a booster, our clinic offers perfect timing for licensing.

Need to know when your dog's shot expires? We're happy to help. Just give us a call at 732-842-3300 and we can check for you.

THE SHADE TREE STEWARDS



The Shade Tree Commission would like to thank the homeowners who have acted as stewards to the street trees which were planted in the West Park area in June. Amanda and Bob Summers, Gordon Cameron, Regina Pahlon, Gina Russomanno and Sue Chenitz have been diligently watering and mulching the willow oaks and a river birch all summer. Neighborhood volunteers like these will help ensure that the trees planted by the RSTC become established during their fragile first year. Any squirrel can plant a tree, but it takes some human intervention to help it thrive in a community!

RUMSON SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB NEWS



Our very active Senior Citizens Club enjoyed an activity-packed spring, and after a brief summer hiatus will resume their meetings and outings in September.

In April, we were treated to a fabulous luncheon catered by Rosanne Monroe, wife of Reverend John Monroe of Rumson Presbyterian Church. Rosanne is a professional chef, and we were very lucky to be on the receiving end of her culinary skills. Thank you, Rosanne! A penny auction added great fun to the meeting.

President Dottie Burlew was kind enough to volunteer her time at the Rumson Run on May 8th. Thank you for representing us, Dottie.

As always, the seniors were well-represented at the Memorial Day parade on May 30. Some of us rode in Sandy Mulheren's red bus, and boy was that fun! Waving our flags out the windows, we felt like kids again. A photo of that memorable moment was featured in the Two River Times. The bus took us to Victory Park for the wreath dedication ceremony.

On June 15 we held our spring luncheon at Navesink Country Club. With its panoramic views and delectable food, it was a beautiful setting for all our ladies, dressed in their finest and sporting beautiful hats. All the ladies were given a rose, and we had a grand old time. It's all about the food!

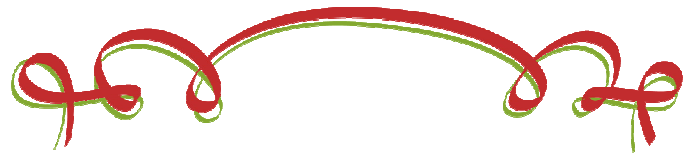
Our final event of the year was our traditional picnic at Victory Park, held on June 25. Our chef Walter Cuje cooked up the burgers and dogs, with the help of his able assistants Bob Johnson and Art Newman.

Spring marked the milestone birthdays of two of our members, and we celebrated with wonderful cakes from Wegman's. Congratulations to Rose Malospina on her 100th and John Kondrup on his 90th! We wish you both many more joyous years.

We are sponsoring a trip to the Hunterdon County Playhouse to see *The Odd Couple* on September 12. Contact Dottie Burlew if you would like to attend.

Noted with sadness is the passing of two of our devoted members, past Officer Bill Scalzo and a wonderful lady, Rosemary Hulse. They will be dearly missed by all of us.

The Rumson Seniors meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month excepting July and August at 11:00 AM in Wilson Hall, Rumson Presbyterian Church. All Rumson residents 55 or older and their family members and friends who live outside Rumson are welcome to join. We would love to have you!



OCEANIC FREE LIBRARY HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Thursday, November 17

7:00 – 9:00 PM

Come start your holiday shopping
and support your library!



YOU CAN HELP OUR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT!

Fire Chief Kevin McCarthy says there are two ways that residents can help the Rumson Fire Department. Right now their greatest need is for more volunteer firefighters as they are currently operating at a bare minimum staffing level. If you feel this could be a good way for you to give back to your town, stop by Borough Hall and pick up an application or contact either the Rumson Fire Company or Oceanic Hook & Ladder for more information. And if you can't envision yourself in full firefighting gear, how about taking up your pen? Donations to the Fire Department's annual fund drive are most appreciated and much needed to support Fire Department programs and to maintain and operate the firehouses.



REMEMBER TO CHANGE THE BATTERIES IN YOUR SMOKE AND CO DETECTORS EVERY 6 MONTHS!

The detectors themselves should be replaced every FIVE YEARS. Proper maintenance of your detectors could save your life, and helps to cut down on the large number of false alarms the department responds to each year.

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CALENDAR

AUGUST

- 1 **PROPERTY TAXES DUE**
- 1 Planning Board 7:30 PM
- 9 Borough Council 7:30 PM
- 16 Zoning Board 7:30 PM
- 17 Recreation Commission 7:00 PM
- 18 Historic Preservation Commission 6:00 PM;
- 21 **FREE FAMILY CONCERT 7:00 PM**
- VICTORY PARK, LITTLE ROCKERS**
- 23 Borough Council 7:30 PM

SEPTEMBER

- 5 **LABOR DAY BOROUGH OFFICES CLOSED**
- NO GARBAGE COLLECTION**
- 6 Borough Council Work Meeting 4:30 PM
- 7 Shade Tree Comm. 4:00 PM Borough Hall Council Meeting Room
- 7 Council Work Session 4:30 PM
- 12 Senior Citizens 11:00 AM Rumson Presbyterian Church
- 12 Planning Board 7:30 PM
- 14 Borough Council 7:30 PM
- 15 Historic Preservation Commission 6:00 PM;
- 20 Borough Council Work Session 4:30 PM
- 20 Zoning Board 7:30 PM
- 21 Recreation Commission 7:00 PM
- 22 Borough Council 7:30 PM
- 26 Senior Citizens 11:00 AM Rumson Presbyterian Church
- 28 Borough Council 7:30 PM

OCTOBER

- 1 **SEWER PAYMENTS DUE**
- 3 Planning Board 7:30 PM
- 4 Council Work Session 4:30 PM
- 10 **COLUMBUS DAY BOROUGH OFFICES CLOSED**
- GARBAGE WILL BE COLLECTED**
- 11 Planning Board 7:30 PM
- 12 Borough Council 7:30 PM
- 18 Council Work Session 4:30 PM
- 18 Zoning Board 7:30 PM
- 20 Historic Preservation Commission 6:00 PM;
- 26 Borough Council 7:30 PM

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